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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

International Conference on Scientific Information

The National Science Foundation, the American Documentation Institute, and the National Academy of Sciences - National Research Council are sponsoring an International Conference on Scientific Information to be held in Washington, D.C. early in November of 1958.

The sponsors believe that an international conference is warranted at this time to provide for a thorough discussion of present developments and research pertaining to the organization and dissemination of scientific information, with special emphasis on storage and retrospectve search.

The subject matter to be covered at the Conference will be grouped in the following general areas:

1. Requirements of scientists for scientific literature and reference services: knowledge now available and methods of ascertaining their requirements.

2. The function and effectiveness of abstracting and indexing services for storage and retrieval of scientific information and possible development of such services.

3. Effectiveness of scientific monographs, compendia, and specialized information centers for storage and retrieval of scientific information: survey of present practices, trends, and new and proposed techniques and types of services.

4. Organization of information for storage and retrospective search: comparative characteristics of existing systems.

5. Organization of knowledge for storage and retrospective search: conceptual and mechanical problems in the design of new systems.

6. Organization of information for storage and retrospective search: possible development of a general theory of storage and search.

7. Responsibilities of governmental bodies, professional societies, universities, and research and industrial organisations for research and training in scientific documentation and for operation of scientific information services.

Participation in the Conference wll be limited to specialists in the fields covered by the agenda. These will include authors of papers accepted for inclusion in the Conference program and members of Review Panels, which are the working panels, designated to lead the discussion of papers in each working area. Individuals may serve both as authors and as members of Review Panels, except that authors may not serve on Review Panels

in areas covered by their own papers. In the interest of effective discussion it is believed that the number of participants must not exceed 150. (This includes authors and members of Review Panels.) Observers will be encouraged to attend the Conference; however, they will be asked to register in advance.

The Conference Committee invites contributions to the Conference program from workers anywhere in the world who are interested in presenting papers in any of the areas covered by the Agenda of the Conference. Attendance at the Conference will not be prerequisite for acceptance of an author's paper; however, efforts will be made to assist interested authors to attend the Conference.

Individuals interested in submitting papers for this Conference should contact the Executive Secretary as soon as possible, and in any case not later than **January 31, 1957.** Such communications should indicate which general area of the Conference agenda interests the author as well as the general subject matter to be covered by the proposed paper.

All requests for further information about this Conference should be addressed to the Executive Secretary, Dr. Alberto F. Thompson, International Conference on Scientific Information, National Academy of Sciences - National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Avenue, Washington 25, D.C.

(News release, December 2, 1956)

Aslib Winter meetings programme

The programme of meetings still to be held at The Royal Society of Arts, 8 John Adam Street, London W.C. 2, is as follows:

Jan. 30 - The scientific film as a medium of scientific communication - by Dr. A. R. Michaelis.

Mar. 5 - The Royal Society's interest in scientific publications and dissemination of information - by Dr. D. C. Martin

Mar. 29 - Re-classification of the library of the Institution of Civil Engineers - by H. C. Richardson

Apr. 25 - Details to be announced later

For further information please write to Aslib, 4 Palace Gate, London W. 8.

MEETINGS HELD

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Dokumentation

The Eighth Annual meeting was held in Bad Nauheim from October 10 to 13, 1956. Fourteen papers were discussed on information services in large industrial undertakings, copyright in relation to photocopying, multilingual dictionaries and documentation, translating and documentation, the organization and scope of DSIR, London, symbolism in documentation, Uniterms, punched cards, documentation in organic chemistry, edge-notched cards applied in forestry investigations, and the use of IBM punched card machinery for constructing literary concordances.

Two new committees were established, one of these, the Arbeitsausschuss für rationelle Dokumentationstechnik, will study technical advances with emphasis on their economic aspects; the other is to provide representatives of the DGD to serve jointly with those of the German standardizing association and of the German national organization affiliated to the International Federation of Translators in an Arbeitskreis für

Terminologie which will study questions of technical terminology, linguistics and translation. (Monthly Bull. Scientific Documentation and Terminology, Unesco, 15 November 1956)

Third International Congress on Archives

The Congress was held in Florence in September 1956. Discussions were devoted to 'New installations of archives' by I. Anderson (Sweden), 'The selection of archives for permanent preservation' by J. H. Collingridge (England), and 'Private archives' by Prof. Filangieri (Italy).

Dr. Graswinckel, Netherlands, retired as President of the International Council of Archives, and was succeeded by Prof. R. Filangieri, Inspector General of the Archives of Italy. Lester H. Born who resigned as secretary as he was appointed Cultural Affairs Officer in Manila, was succeeded by Robert H. Bahmer, Assistant Archivist of the United States.

The next International Congress will be held in Stockholm in 1960 in conjunction with the International Congress of Historical Sciences.

(Libr. Congress Inf. Bull. Oct. 8, 1956)

MEMBERSHIP

Israel

The Council approved the application for National membership submitted by Israel. FID will be represented by The Israel Institute of Technology, Library, P.O. Box 4910, Haifa. Director of the Library is: Dr. T. Gladstein, Scientific advisor: Mr. I. de Vries. Membership will be effective from January 1957.

With Israel becoming a member, the Federation will be represented by national committees in 25 countries, and by Associate members and Corresponding associates in 19 other countries.

Conseil International du Bâtiment (CIB)

Council approved CIB's application for Specialist Group Membership of FID at the same time electing CIB to FID Council. The Conseil International du Bâtiment thus became the first international specialized body member of FID Council.

VISITS RECEIVED

Mr. R. Taylor, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, again visited the General Secretariat on November 7, 1956, for information on the application of punched cards.

Herr Dr. J. Bican von der Forschungs- und Prüfungsanstalt der Flugzeugindustrie, Herr **O. Koplik** und Herr **E. Tatzauer** von der Forschungsanstalt für Automobilindustrie, und Herr Ing. **E. Müller** von der Forschungsanstalt für elektrotechnische Physik, Patentzentralstelle, alle aus Prag, besuchten das Generalsekretariat der FID am 10. November 1956.

Herr Dr. J. Beneš von der Forschungsanstalt für technische Organisation der Maschinenbauindustrie, und Herr **O. Polak** von der Forschungsanstalt für Material und Technologie, Prag, Tchechoslowakei, besuchten das Generalsekretariat der FID vom 20. bis 28. November 1956, zur Besprechung von Patentklassifikationsfragen, der Organisation für technische Auskünfte, und Betriebsorganisation. Das Generalsekretariat hat weitere Besuche in Holland veranstaltet.

Mr. W. J. Polny of the Armour Research Foundation of Illinois Insti-

tute of Technology, Chicago, European branch Office, The Hague, visited the General Secretariat on November 21, 1956, for information on European technical abstracting services. The office in The Hague acts as liaison between American and European information on industrial development. The European office has its seat in The Hague, Netherlands, Surinamestraat 16.

Mr. R. Harth of Verein Deutscher Ingenieure, Düsseldorf, Rapporteur of FID/C 629 and acting Secretary for FID/C 677 and **Mr. K. Laisiepen** of the same Association visited the General Secretariat from November 28-29, 1956, to discuss the programme for revision of UDC 629 and UDC 667.0/.3 and 677.

UNIVERSAL DECIMAL CLASSIFICATION

Proposals for extension of the UDC

PE 608 (26 November 1956) Comments up to March 1957. Corrections of earlier proposals, in particular PE Notes 601 to 607. Proposal for revision of South-East-Asian geographical numbers, in particular (597) Viet-Nam. Proposals for revision or extension of 323.1-054.5 Indigène, 612.1, 612.843, 615.816 Iron lungs, 615.851.46, 616.715.22, 687.9 Brush industry and 771.3. PE Notes 598 and 606 re UDC 624 and 69 are now official with a few proposals being suspended for further study.

Extensions and Corrections to the UDC

The first number of Series 3 will appear in January 1957 giving latest official extensions to the UDC, the more important being in the following sections:

(469), 341.1, 535, 624.0, 64.03, 663.91, 686.84, 69.02, 69.05, 691, 693, 696, 697, 698, 699.

Series 3 no. 1 covers accepted proposals between January and July 1956. No. 2, July 1957, will in addition incorporate proposals up to December 31, 1956. Subscription for 1957 (two issues) 25 Dutch guilders; printed one side 30 Dutch guilders.

Earlier extensions are published in:

'Ergänzungen' to the German edition (up to August 1949), 12 Dutch guilders;

Extensions Series 1 no. 6 (August 1949 - December 1952), 25 Dutch guilders;

Extensions Series 2 no. 6 (January 1953 - December 1955), 25 Dutch guilders; printed one side 30 Dutch guilders.

Alphabetical index to UDC

The 787 page index to the German complete edition of the UDC still is the best index available. The index, in German, is also helpful for other language editions as UDC numbers are the same in all complete editions.

The index which costs 83,50 Dutch guilders consists of three parts, A to G, H to R, and S to Z (1951-1953); these are also available separately. Orders to be sent to the General Secretariat of FID, 6 Willem Witsenplein, The Hague, Netherlands, or to Beuth-Vertrieb GmbH, Uhlandstrasse 175, Berlin W. 15, Germany.

Central Classification Committee

Mr. Benjamin E. Custer, Editor of the Dewey Decimal Classification, Library of Congress, Washington 25 D. C., USA, succeeded Mr. Haykin as observer in FID/CCC 'Central Classification Committee'.

FID PUBLICATIONS

Abridged Building Classification

The following editions are now available from Bouwcentrum, Weena 700, Rotterdam, Netherlands: English (publ. 261), French (publ. 286), Norwegian (publ. 287) and Swedish (publ. 294).

Six further editions are nearing completion: Danish (publ. 284), Dutch (publ. 285), German, Italian, Serbian, and Spanish (publ. 293).

Supplement to our Catalogue

With this issue of the 'Informations FID' we send you the first supplement (December 1, 1956) to the 1956 Catalogue of available FID publications which you received with the May 1956 issue of the 'Informations FID'.

The Supplement lists the recent publications; it also contains a few amendments to the 1956 Catalogue.

Index Bibliographicus

The *first* edition was published in 1925, the *second* in 1931. A 'List of current specialized abstracting and indexing services' appeared in 1948. These editions are now out of print.

The 1948 list served as a working tool for the *third* edition published in 1952, 'Index Bibliographicus, Directory of current periodical abstracts and bibliographies', a world reference list of current periodicals which provide bibliographical information, in two parts: Vol. I - Science and technology, 52 p., 3,75 Dutch guilders, and Vol. II - Social sciences, education, humanistic studies, 72 p. 5,- Dutch guilders. Both volumes may be obtained from the General Secretariat of FID, 6 Willem Witsenplein, The Hague, Netherlands.

The *fourth* edition, now in preparation for publication in 1957 will consist of four volumes: I. Science and technology, II. Social sciences, III. Humanities, IV. Generalities and index.

Manual on Document Reproduction and Selection, Supplement 1956

The third Supplement to the Manual was published in December 1956. On 48 pages it gives 89 items of new or modified apparatus, 77 bibliographical notes on recent articles and books, a new chapter on the 'Electrofax' process with illustrations, literature and leaflet on the Bizmac enlarger, and a revised text of the chapter on 'Standardization for document reproduction'.

The first Supplement to the Manual was published in 1954, the second in 1955. Each Supplement costs 9,60 Dutch guilders, and may be obtained from the FID General Secretariat, 6 Willem Witsenplein, The Hague, Netherlands.

MISCELLANEOUS

Council on Library Resources Inc.

The Council was established in September 1956 as an independent non-profit educational and research organisation (1025 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington 6, D.C.). The Council's purpose is to assist in the solution of the problems of libraries generally, but more especially of the problems of research libraries, by conducting or supporting research, demonstrating new techniques and methods, and disseminating the results, through grants for these purposes to institutions or individuals or in other ways, by coordinating efforts to improve the resources and services of libraries, and by improving relations between American and foreign libraries and archives.

President and executive head of the Council is Mr. Verner W. Clapp. The Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Council is Mr. Gilbert W. Chapman, Vice-Chairman is Dr. Louis B. Wright, Members are: Douglas M. Black, Lyman H. Butterfield, Dr. Federick Hard, Dr. Barnaby C. Keeney, Dr. Joseph C. Morris, John M. Schiff, Dr. Frederick H. Wagman, Dr. Warran Weaver and Dr. Herman B. Wells.

At its first meeting the Council voted to accept a $ 5.000.000 grant of funds from the Ford Foundation to support its initial activities over a five year period.

The Council plans to concentrate initially upon seeking solutions to the problems of research libraries through the following:

1. Development of applications of scientific techniques and mechanisms to library procedures;
2. Extension of inter-library co-operation;
3. Promotion of development in educational institutions;
4. Promotion of liaison and co-operation with foreign libraries and archives to the end of assisting scholarship through the free international availability of library resources, and of contributing to the improvement of library services and the reduction of library costs (e.g. through international standardization of library procedures).

Five chief categories of expenditure will be as follows:

a. Planning, evaluation of procedures and techniques developed in other fields which have application for library problems, re-evaluation of library procedures and methods of improvement;
b. Development of library resources and facilities, filling gaps, extending the capabilities and specific applications of existing instruments and procedures;
c. Demonstration, testing new devices, methods and procedures and insuring their currency and maximum use in the library world;
d. Co-ordination of library resources and services, elimination of duplication in research, joint dissemination of information and results, promotion of co-operation with foreign libraries and archives;
e. Administrative and professional functions, including operating expenditures, salaries of staff members and the use of consultants.

Various projects will be largely grant-making. The Council also plans to make grants for research into particular problems and towards the development of techniques and procedures offering promise for the improvement of library resources and services. The Council proposes to institute certain investigations, whether with its own staff or under grant or contract, and to call, in addition, upon the advice of specialist bodies and individuals.

Technique de l'information scientifique

Un cours sur la 'Technique de l'information scientifique' a été institué au sein de la Faculté de sciences statistiques et démographiques de l'Université de Rome. Ce cours a été confié au Dr. Bruno Balbis, directeur du Centre national de documentation scientifique du Conseil national des recherches (Piazzale delle Scienze 7, Rome).

Dans les mots du programme, grace à l'étude d'une nouvelle technique, celle de l'information scientifique, qui intéresse désormais de larges secteurs du monde intellectuel et industriel, l'important et complexe phénomène du rapport de communication est toujours plus approfondi techniquement.

Les leçons seront complétées par des travaux pratiques, par des visites à différentes organisations documentaires et par la projection de films appropriés; elles traiteront de questions énumérées ainsi: sujets actifs, sujets passifs, les textes et les facteurs de conformité, l'élaboration documentaire, les instruments documentaires, le procès de diffusion, les applications dans les secteurs de la vie pratique.

Aslib periodicals

As from January 1957, 'Aslib Information' and 'Aslib Proceedings' are to be amalgamated into one new monthly publication with the title *'Aslib Proceedings: incorporating Aslib Information'*. (Aslib, 4 Palace Gate, London W. 8)

New ALA periodical

The American Library Association announces the publication of a new quarterly periodical beginning in 1957. *'Library resources and Technical services'* will be published by the newly-organized Resources and Technical Services Department of the ALA and is a merger of two existing periodicals now to be discontinued with the October 1956 issue, 'Journal of Cataloging and Classification' and 'Serial Slants'. (American Library Association, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago 11, Ill.)

Bibliography of documentation

A bibliography of documentation and selected related fields is being prepared by Mr. John H. Robb, 4640 Brandywine Street, N.W., Washington 16, D.C. Beyond the compilation of the bibliography, the objective is the establishment and maintenance of a continuing bibliographic and information service for the use of those concerned with documentation problems. Progress notes will appear in 'American Documentation'. (American Documentation, Vol. VII, No. 1, Jan. 1956, p. 63)

Research in progress

The Committee on Research and Development of the American Documentation Institute is making an inventory of projects, development, or testing in various aspects of library work and documentation, including production, dissemination, distribution, organization, processing, storage and retrieval of documents, and special studies on use and user needs. (L.C. Inf. Bull. Oct. 1, 1956).

'Management Documentation Preview'

The new journal of which the first issue appeared in September 1956 gives the current contents pages of periodicals on modern management.

It is published by Documation Inc., Woodbury, N.J., USA and appears the 16th and 30th of each month; subscription $ 25,- per year.

The first issue reproduces the tables of contents of 62 periodicals for which the classified index gives the following group headings:

Administration	Industrial engineering
Advertising, marketing and sales	Manufacturing and plant management
Automation	Office management
Business	Operations research
Documentation	Personnel management
Financial management	Research management
General management	

It is announced that the next issue will contain the contents of 57 further periodicals. Nos. 1 and 2 cover together 119 periodicals, all of which are in the English language only.

Transliteration of cyrillic characters

ISO Recommendation R9, 1st edition, October 1955, prepared by ISO/TC 46 'Documentation' contains the standard international system for the transliteration of Bulgarian, Russian, Ukrainian, White Russian and Serbian cyrillic characters into the Latin or Roman alphabet. It is observed that by adding two characters, of which the transliteration is given, Macedonian is transliterated in the same way as Serbian. Copies of the Recommendation to be obtained through the national standards organizations.

Copyright laws

The Library of Congress Copyright Office has an almost complete collection of the original foreign language texts of all items which, in English translation, appear in 'Copyright laws and treaties of the world'. These original texts are the relevant pages of the official gazettes or official collection of laws of each country. Photostatic copies may be ordered from the Copyright office at the usual rates charged by the Library of Congress Photo-duplication Service for making photostats. (L. C. Inf. Bull., Oct. 15, 1956)

CIRCULAR LETTERS

F56-101 (15.11.'56): letter to Brussels Congress members indicating Informations FID as news source.

F56-102 (30.11.'56): accompanying letter to Supplement 1956 to the Manual on document reproduction and selection.

Note: the following indication was omitted in the list published in no. 11: *Circular letters marked with an asterisk are restricted and consequently not available to the general public.*